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SUBJECT: GAO INQUIRY "UPDATING" SYMINGTON HEARINGS

REF: MANILA 7792

EXCLUSIVE FOR ADMIRAL MCCAIN, GENERAL McNICKLE, ADMIRAL HUSE

1. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON REFTEL.
IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE
METHOD OF OPERATION DESCRIBED REFTEL ARE SUCH THAT AN EFFORT
SHOULD BE MADE AT A FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL TO CLARIFY BOTH THE SCOPE
AND PURPOSE OF THIS EXERCISE. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE
BASES ARE BEING ASKED FOR OPINIONS AND FACTS ON
VARIED MAJOR POLITICAL AND MILITARY POLICIES WHEN IT IS QUITE
INAPPROPRIATE THAT ANSWERS BE SOUGHT TO SUCH
QUESTIONS AT THE OPERATING LEVEL OF THE BASES. INDEED,
MANY OF THESE COVER MATTERS WHICH CAN BEST BE ANSWERED
IN WASHINGTON. FURTHERMORE, IT SMACKS OF ANOTHER
PINCUS-PAUL TYPE OPERATION IN THAT JUNIOR GAO OFFICIALS,
OBVIOUSLY WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER, ARE
TRYING TO DIG INTO MAJOR POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC,
AND INTERNAL MATTERS FAR BEYOND THEIR ABILITY TO
UNDERSTAND AND ANALYZE. IT WOULD SEEM IN FACT THAT
THIS IS BECOMING A PRACTICE AROUND THE WORLD, THE
GAO IS DRABASTICALLY EXPANDING AND CHANGING ITS OWN
ROLES AND FUNCTIONS.

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2. I HAVE TOLD THE BASES NOT TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION (OTHER THAN CURRENT STATISTICAL DATA) TO LOCAL GAO OFFICE PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON IN RESPONSE TO THIS TELEGRAM. GP-2
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